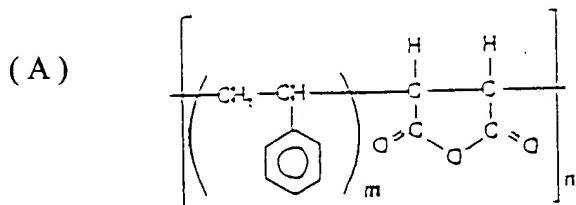
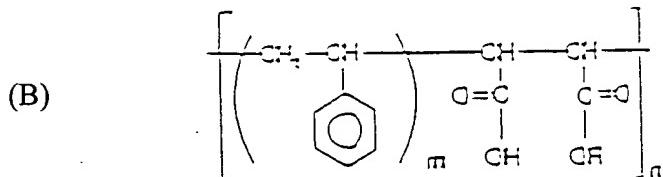


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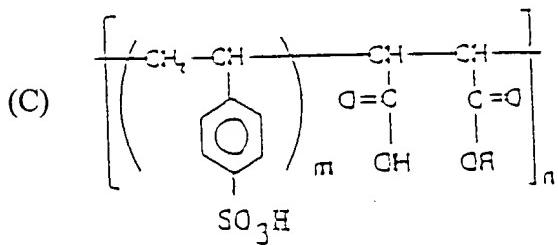
76. (Amended) The [reaction product] gelled organic fluid of claim [75] 79, wherein said carboxylic acid comprises at least one fatty acid having from about 6 to about 24 carbon atoms; wherein said at least one metal source compound comprises aluminum octoate, aluminum stearate, iron octoate, aluminum 2,4-pentadione, iron 2,4-pentadione, aluminum oxide, iron hydroxide, aluminum hydroxide, aluminum isopropoxide, aluminum chloride, ferric ammonium sulfate, or a mixture thereof; and wherein said MSMA-based compound has at least one of the following structures, or a mixture thereof:



wherein m = from about 1 to about 3; and n = from about 6 to about 8;



wherein m = from about 1 to about 3; n = from about 6 to about 8; and R is a branched or straight carbon chain that may be saturated or unsaturated, and which has from about 8 to about 20 carbon atoms; or



wherein m = from about 1 to about 3; n = from about 6 to about 8; and R is a branched or straight carbon chain that may be saturated or unsaturated, and which has from about 8 to about 20 carbon atoms.

77. (Amended) The [reaction product] gelled organic fluid of claim [75] 79, wherein said at least one metal source compound comprises a first and a second metal source compound, said first and second metal source compounds being different compounds.

78. (Amended) The [reaction product] gelled organic fluid of claim 76, wherein said reaction product comprises a solid reaction product having a particle size of from about 100 mesh to about 325 mesh.

79. (Amended) A gelled organic fluid formed by combining an organic base fluid with [the] a reaction product [of claim 75] of at least one carboxylic acid, at least one metal source compound, and at least one MSMA-based compound.

81. (Amended) The [reaction product] gelled organic fluid of claim [80] 83 wherein said carboxylic acid comprises at least one fatty acid having from about 6 to about 24 carbon atoms; wherein said at least one first metal source compound comprises a carboxylic acid salt that is at least one of aluminum octoate, aluminum stearate, iron octoate, aluminum 2,4-pentadione, iron 2,4-pentadione, or a mixture thereof; and wherein said at least one second metal source compound comprises at least one of aluminum oxide, iron hydroxide, aluminum hydroxide, aluminum isopropoxide, aluminum chloride, ferric ammonium sulfate, or a mixture thereof.

82. (Amended) The [reaction product] gelled organic fluid of claim 81, wherein said reaction product comprises a solid reaction product having a particle size of from about 100 mesh to about 325 mesh.

83. (Amended) A gelled organic fluid formed by combining an organic base fluid with [the] a reaction product of at least one carboxylic acid, at least one first metal source compound, and at least one second metal source compound; said first and second metal source compounds being different compounds [claim 80].